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SUBJ: DERIAN MEETING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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1. BEFORE MEETING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEMBERS
MS. DERIAN SAID SHE WOULD PREFER TO TALK TO THEM WITH NO
EMBASSY STAFF PRESENT. EMBASSY HAD NO OBJECTIONS, AND
THEREFORE NO EMBASSY OFFICERS HEARD CONVERSATION REPORTED
REFTEL.

2. THE STATEMENT BY CATHOLIC PRIEST MENTIONED IN PARA 3
OF REFTEL TO THE EFFECT THAT 6,000 BOLIVIANS ARE LIVING IN
EXILE APPEARS TO BE EXAGGERATED ON BASIS ALL INFORMATION
AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY. EVEN A FIGURE HALF THIS SIZE
WOULD CONTAIN LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING
OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY VOLUNTARILY. MANY OF THESE VOLUNTARY
EXILES LEFT BOLIVIA AFTER THE 1971 CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT
(SEE LA PAZ 4756).

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3. IN REGARD TO STATEMENTS BY DR. SILES IN PARA 4 ABOUT
INHUMAN CONDITIONS IN THE MINES, EMBASSY NOTES SUCH CONDITIONS
ARE OF LONG-STANDING AND ARE PREOCCUPATION OF THE PRESENT
GOVERNMENT AS POINTED OUT BY PRESIDENT BANZER IN HIS
MEETING WITH MS. DERIAN (SEE LA PAZ 6264 PARA 18).
IN FACT, PRESIDENT BANZER TIED CONDITIONS PARTLY TO U.S.
TIN POLICY. DR. SILES WAS PROBABLY REFERRING TO CATAVI WHEN

HE REFERRED TO QUOTE ONE MINE AREA UNQUOTE, BUT FACT IS
ACCESS TO MINES IS NOT ALL THAT RESTRICTED AND ALL OF COMIBOL'S
MINES ARE QUOTE OCCUPIED UNQUOTE, I.E., SOLDIERS ARE PRESENT
IN THE MINING CAMP TOWNS.

4. EMBASSY SUGGEST NORMAL DISTRIBUTION OF THIS MESSAGE WITHOUT
ANY SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS. EMBASSY BELIEVES CLASSIFICATION
GIVEN TO REFTTEL SHOULD BE RETAINED.
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